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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, NATO
SUBJ: MBFR: AMBASSADOR TARASOV SUGGESTS COLLECTIVE MANPOWER
FREEZE ON BASIS OF TABLED DATA

1. IN A BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH U.S. REP ON MARCH 3, AMB
TARASOV REFERRED TO THE FACT THAT THE WEST HAD OBJECTED TO THE
EARLIER PROPOSAL, THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AGREE NOT TO
INCREASE THE MILITARY MANPOWER OF THEIR FORCES FOR THE DURATION
OF THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS, ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT
WOULD CONTRACTUALIZE THE MANPOWER DISPARITY AND THAT THE SOVIETS
HAD NOT TABLED DATA TO QUANTIFY THE MANPOWER LIMIT WHICH WOULD

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RESULT. TARASOV POINTED OUT THAT QUOTE OFFICIAL DATA UNQUOTE
WAS NOW ON THE TABLE FOR BOTH SIDES -- 987,000 TOTAL OF GROUND
AND AIR MANPOWER FOR THE WARSAW PACT AND 921,000 FOR THE
WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. HE SAID HE ASSUMED THE FRENCH
MANPOWER WAS 60,000.

2. HE ASKED THE U.S. REP TO CONSIDER WHETHER ON THIS BASIS,

IT WOULD NOW BE POSSIBLE FOR THE WEST TO ACCEPT A MANPOWER FREEZE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT THE WARSAW PACT WOULD AT NO TIME EXCEED THE LEVEL OF 987,000 GROUND AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER AND WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD NOT EXCEED A TOTAL LEVEL OF 921,000 MEN.

3. U.S. REP INDICATED TO TARASOV THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE AT ALL SINCE THE PARTIES DID NOT AGREE ON DATA AND PROBABLY WERE EITHER USING DIFFERENT ACCOUNTING RULES OR APPLYING THE STATED COUNTING RULES IN A DIFFERENT MANNER.

4. TARASOV URGED U.S. REP NOT TO REACH A FINAL OPINION BUT TO THINK THE MATTER OVER. HE SAID HE HAD NOT PROPOSED IT IN THE INFORMALS BECAUSE HE THOUGHT QUOTE THE NATO MAFIA UNQUOTE MIGHT TURN IT DONW.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT ONE SOVIET MOTIVE IN RAISING THIS PROPOSAL IS TO FEEL OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF REACHING SOME PARTIAL AGREEMENT IN THE VIENNA TALKS PRIOR TO THE BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE SOVIETS TO MAKE A BETTER SHOWING IN THAT REVIEW AND PROTECT THEM AGAINST POSSIBLE PRESSURES TO MOVE AHEAD IN THE MBFR TALKS. THE SOVIETS MAY BRING UP THIS CONCEPT DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S END OF MARCH VISIT TO MOSCOW.

6. IN OUR VIEW, IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE WEST CANNOT ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSAL SINCE IT WOULD AMOUNT TO FORMAL WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF TABLED EASTERN DATA AND THE ABANDONMENT OF
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WESTERN EFFORTS TO BRING THE EAST TO REVISE THAT DATA.
END COMMENT.RESOR

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